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TEXT OF DANISH DEFMIN OLESEN' S LETTER TO

SECGEN LUNS REGARDING PASSAGE OF THE DANISH DEFENSE

BILL BY THE FOLKETING ON 5 APRIL 1973. TEXT OF

LETTER IS QUOTE BELOW: BEGIN TEXT:

COPENHAGEN, 6 TH APRIL 1973

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,

I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT ON THE 5 TH APRIL, 1973,

THE DANISH DEFENCE BILL HAD ITS THIRD AND FINAL

READING AND WAS PASSED BY THE FOLKETING. THE PROVISIONS

AGREED TO FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THE INTER- PARTY AGREEMENT

CONCLUDED ON 14 TH FEBRUARY, 1973, AND COMMUNICATED TO

YOU THROUGH THE DANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE BY HIS

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LETTERS ON THE 15 TH AND THE 19 TH FEBRUARY. IN ORDER TO

ROUND OF THE CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WE HAVE CONDUCTED

WITH THE NATO AUTHORITIES UNDER ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO WHEN THE DEFENCE BILL WAS FIRST
LAID BEFORE THE FOLKETING THE DANISH GOVERNMENT
FORTHWITH TOOK STEPS TO OPEN CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO.
SINCE THEN THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED
CURRENTLY ABOUT THE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE BILL. WE HAVE DONE IT IN PARTICULAR IN THE
MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND DURING THE VISIT IN THE SPRING
OF 1972 TO SACEUR BY THE TEAM OF DANISH EXPERTS, WHEN A
DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSALS AND THEIR
CONSEQUENCES WAS PRESENTED.

FURTHERMORE, IN JUNE 1972 THE PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSALS
VISITED NATO. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE POLITICAL
AGREEMENT ON 14 TH FEBRUARY, 1973, THE CONSULTATIONS
WERE CONTINUED WHEN THE DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENCE INFORMED
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT
AND THE DANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MADE A STATEMENT
IN THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

THE VARIOUS COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS FORMULATED BY
THE NATO AUTHORITIES ON THE BASIS OF THE CONSULTATIONS
HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND
PASSED TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. THIS ALSO APPLIES
TO THE COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL
AND THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - IN THEIR INITIAL AND
THEIR FINAL VERSION - WHICH EQUALLY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED
BY THE COMMITTEE. THE FINAL CONCLUSION OF THE DEFENCE
PLANNING COMMITTEE WERE ANNEXED TO THE PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE' S REPORT.

I WISH TO STRESS THAT WE HAVE ATTACHED GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO THE PROPOER CONDUCT OF CONSULTATIONS AND THAT
WE HAVE FOUND THEM BOTH INTERESTING AND VALUABLE IN OUR
WORK. WE NOW FACE AN IMPORTANT PHASE OF PRACTICAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW DEFENCE ARRANGEMENT WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK AGREED BY THE FOLKETING. IN THIS TASK WE
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SHALL OF COURSE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE HOST OF
GOOD ADVICE, WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED. THIS WILL FOR
INSTANCE AFFECT QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE STANDING FORCES,
THEIR TRAINING AND READINESS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I WISH TO ADD THAT IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE POLITICAL AGREEMENT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
TOOK A FIRST STEP TOWARDS ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY
OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES TO

IMPORTANT PROCUREMENTS OF EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF
285 MILLION KR.

LET ME FINALLY ONCE MORE STRESS THE DECISIVE
IMPORTANCE OF THE FACT THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
RECEIVED BROAD POLITICAL BACKING. THERE IS NO DOUBT
IN MY MIND THAT THIS WILL PROVE TO BE AN ELEMENT OF
THE GREATEST VALUE IN THE FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
LEGISLATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO A CLAUSE IN THE POLITICAL AGREEMENT,
WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE
COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR POLITICAL
PARTIES WHICH SIGNED THE AGREEMENT AND WHOSE TASK
IT WILL BE TO SUPERVISE ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH
HAVE NOW LASTED SINCE DECEMBER 1971 AND WHICH IN
MY OPINION HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN FULL CONFORMITY
WITH NATO PROCEDURES I WISH TO THANK ALL CONCERNED
FOR THE ASSISTANCE WHICH THEY HAVE RENDERED US AND
FOR THE VALUABLE ADVICE GIVEN BY OUR ALLIES AND THE
NATO AUTHORITIES. YOURS SINCERELY (SIGNED)
KJELD OLESEN. END TEXT.
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